GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:55
ANSWERED ON:19.11.2007
CHILD LABOUR IN CARPET AND GLASS INDUSTRY
Sharma Shri Madan Lal

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of child labour is still working in Carpet and Glass Industry in the country in violation of the rules and laws made in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to achieve complete eradication of child labour in the country alongwith the success achieved therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 55 FOR ANSWER ON 19.11.07 REGARDING `CHILD LABOUR IN CARPET AND GLASS INDUSTRY` BY SHRI MADAN LAL SHARMA

(a) & (b): As per 2001 Census, 32,647 children in the age group of 5-14 years are working in Carpet industry and 5,758 children in Glass industry. Child Labour is a complex socio-economic problem, which needs sustained efforts over a long period of time. Considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, government is following a gradual and sequential approach of first covering children working in hazardous occupations/processes. There are 15 occupations and 57 processes where employment of children is prohibited under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, which includes Carpet weaving and manufacture of Glass and glassware including bangles etc.

(c): Government is implementing the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme in 250 districts of the country. Under the Scheme, children withdrawn from hazardous work are put into Specials Schools, where they are provided with accelerated bridging education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend and health care facilities etc. In addition, government is also implementing the Indo-US child labour project (INDUS) in 21 districts of the country. Under the NCLP Scheme, 4.57 lakh children and under INDUS Project 27,533 children have been mainstreamed into formal education system, so far.